

Parochial Aid Battle Looms In Congress

WASHINGTON (BP)—A lively battle for tax credit aid to private and parochial schools looms on the horizon as the 93rd Congress got underway on January 3.

In the House of Representatives, Republican Leader Gerald R. Ford (R. Mich.), Rep. Herman T. Schne-

bell (R., Pa.) and Rep. James Burke (D., Mass.) introduced a bill which would give parents a tax credit of 50 per cent for tuition paid to send their children to a non-profit elementary or secondary school up to a limit of \$200 per child.

In the Senate, Sen. Abe Ribicoff (D.,

Conn.) introduced an identical bill. The same bill was approved during the last Congress by the House Ways and Means Committee. No action was taken, however, in the Senate where Ribicoff had introduced the same measure.

James E. Wood, Jr., executive di-

rector of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, declared that "the proposed legislation must not be seen as aid to parents but as financial aid to nonpublic schools, the vast majority of which are parochial schools."

Wood pointed out that the Baptist (Continued on page 3)

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Americans United Lists '72's Top 10 Church-State Stories

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SNS) — Federal court and referendum defeats of tax aid for parochial schools highlight the ten top church-state stories of 1972, according to a year-end analysis by the staff of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Americans United's monthly journal CHURCH & STATE is publishing the following list in its January issue:

1. Parochial aid went down to decisive defeat at the hands of the voters in Maryland, Oregon, and Idaho in November.
2. The United States Supreme Court affirmed the opinion of a lower federal court striking down as unconstitutional an Ohio plan for subsidizing parochial schools via tuition reimbursements to parents.
3. Parochial aid programs in New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and New Hampshire were struck down by federal courts as violations of the First Amendment.
4. A battle erupted in Congress over the "tax credit" plan for providing federal aid for parochial and private schools.
5. New Mexico voted in referendum in November to impose full taxes on commercially used property owned by churches.
6. New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller vetoed an attempt by the state legislature to repeal the state's liberal abortion law.
7. Michigan and North Dakota voters decisively defeated abortion law reform in referendum elections.
8. The Supreme Court ruled that Amish parents may be exempted from full compliance with state compulsory school attendance laws.
9. Compulsory chapel service attendance at the United States military academies was found by a federal court to be in violation of the no-establishment clause of the First Amendment.
10. Roman Catholic bishops attacked the Supreme Court's interpretation of the First Amendment and renewed their campaign for tax aid for parochial schools.

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Commentary Is Top 1972 Story

NASHVILLE (BP)—The Philadelphia convention's refusal to ask complete recall of Broadman Bible Commentary rates as the No. 1 Southern Baptist Convention news event of 1972, according to a Baptist Press news service poll.

Taken among about 40 editors of Baptist state papers and Baptist Press bureaus, the poll reveals news attention and emphasis on laymen's role in SBC life ranks as second most important development.

Statistical projections for 1972, which include the probability that SBC churches baptized a record number of converts, were accorded third place in news prominence.

In a year when "women's lib" scored headlines in secular magazines and newspapers, the denomination's own encounter with women wanting to serve as ministers and pastors won enough votes to place it as fourth most important denominational news item.

Baptism and other doctrinal issues arising during annual fall sessions of Baptist state conventions received fifth place in news prominence for 1972.

From sixth to tenth places, the following stories finish out the elite "top 10" SBC stories of 1972 in the ballot:

—Apollo 15 astronaut James Irwin's resignation from the space program, and his subsequent evangelism activity.

—Baptist stands on tax matters in Congress that would affect parochial schooling and tax exemptions for church gifts and property.

—Proposals to restructure, or in one case, abolish SBC agencies.

—Controversy over the denominational periodical, "Becoming."

—President Nixon's visit to the Baptist church in Moscow, and Russian Baptists' visit to Washington.

Nine ballots were not received by the deadline to be counted. Of 31 ballots cast, 27 named the debate in the denomination over the Broadman Bible Commentary among "top 10" stories of 1972. But only six votes rank it first place.

Still the commentary story won more first place ballots than any other of more than 20 events votes on. Voting was widely scattered, with 12 stories getting at least one first-place vote.

At Philadelphia last June, the convention was asked to order recall of the

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CAPACITY CROWDS ATTEND ANNUAL YOUTH CONVENTION

Capacity crowds of Baptist youth, from every section of the state, were present for the annual Youth Convention held Dec. 28-29 in Jackson's Municipal Auditorium and First Baptist Church. Photo shows section of the

capacity crowd present at the closing service Friday evening at the Auditorium. (For additional pictures please turn the page.)

Golda Meir, Astronaut

Two Agree, No War On The Moon

By Jim Newton

TEL AVIV (BP) — Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir and Apollo 15 Astronaut James Irwin agreed here there will be no war on the moon if people ever live on the lunar surface.

During a 45-minute visit, the former astronaut and the top Israeli government leader spent most of their time discussing God, not war or politics.

Only Mrs. Meir commented briefly on the subject of war, and then in general terms. "I hope this madness of war will soon end," she said. "This is senseless."

"I hope when people settle on the moon, there will be no wars," the Prime Minister stated.

"I don't think there will be," the astronaut replied softly.

Irwin, who resigned on Aug. 1 from the Apollo space program to devote full time to sharing his experiences on the moon, told the Prime Minister he felt God's presence so strongly on the moon that he now wants to tell everyone on the earth of that experience.

Mrs. Meir asked Irwin if the experience had really changed his life, or if it had merely strengthened his faith.

"Before the flight, I was really not a religious man," Irwin responded. "I believed in God, but I really had nothing to share. But when I came back from the moon, I felt so strongly that I had something that I wanted to share with others, that I decided to establish High Flight (Irwin's religious foundation) in order to tell all men everywhere that God is alive, not only on earth, but on the moon."

The astronaut told Mrs. Meir he believes his experience with God on the moon was an answer to the prayers of (Continued on page 3)

January Is Designated As "Make Your Will Month"

By Carey E. Cox
Executive Secretary

Mississippi Baptist Foundation
For many years Southern Baptists have designated the month of January as "Make Your Will Month."

Do you assume that you do not need a will? Certainly, you need a will if you have any material assets and if you have a family.

You do not want disinterested persons distributing that which is personal. Your family deserves enough thought for them to cause you to make a will.

Does not Christian responsibility demand that you make a Christian will. Gratitude for God's blessings and a conscious sense of Christian stewardship should impel and compel us to pre-determine that some of God's blessings continue to serve Him after we have gone to be with Him.

We hear William and Catherine Booth on the street corners of our cities today. Evangelical Christianity today hears the voice of Martin Luther declaring, "the just shall live by faith."

David Livingstone did not discontinue lighting gospel lamps in Africa when he drew his last breath. The voice of the Wesleys is heard regularly around the world. No man lives or dies to himself. Not only do our works follow us into eternity but follow us in time after we have departed this world physically.

Christian stewardship is not limited to what we bring to the Lord's treasury on Sunday. It is true that we segmentize life, but God is interested in and we must account to Him for the total of life. We are as much responsible to God for how we leave an estate as for how we make it.

That which we leave when we die can make it more difficult to win victories for Christ, or it can continue to give strength and support to His work. The stewardship of estate is as im-

portant as any aspect of Christian stewardship.

The Mississippi Baptist Foundation is your denominational agency through which many wonderful Christians who are now with the Lord continue to educate young people, minister to children, heal the sick, preach, sing and serve on mission fields.

Today literally thousands of elderly Baptist couples are without children and many more elderly people have children who do not need the total of their estate. These constitute a potential flood of support for various denominational agencies and institutions.

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Administration Seminar Ready Jan. 29-Feb. 1

A statewide church long-range planning seminar will be held at the Baptist Building in Jackson Jan. 29-30, according to Dr. Foy Rogers, director of the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The seminar will be for pastors, church staff, long-range planning chairmen and members, and superintendents of associational missions, according to Rev. Leon Emery, church administration consultant in the Cooperative Missions Department who will be seminar coordinator.

Out of state leaders on program will be Joseph W. Hinkle, consultant in administrative services section, Church Administration Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. and Rev. Roger Abington, pastor First Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, Tenn.

The seminar will begin at 7:00 p.m. Monday and adjourn at 12:00 Noon Thursday.

Mr. Emery said that those attending would learn leadership skills, principles of planning, how to write objectives, how to identify planning needs.

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American Baptists To Mark Church's 275th Anniversary

PHILADELPHIA (RNS) — The First Baptist church of Philadelphia, which in 1844 was host to the last meeting in which Southern and Northern Baptists were united, will mark its 275th anniversary in 1973.

A special celebration has been set for Jan. 7. Key participants will include Dr. Gene E. Bartlett of Newton Center, Mass., president of the American Baptist Churches (formerly Northern Baptist) and Dr. Robert C. Campbell, general secretary of the Valley Forge-based denomination.

First Baptist was founded on Dec. 11, 1698. In 1707, the Philadelphia Baptist Association, the oldest Baptist administrative unit in the nation, was organized in the church.

In 1844, the American Baptist For-

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Baptist Pastor Recalls Harry Truman's Warmth, Humor

By Toby Drulin

RALEIGH, N. C. (BP) — President Harry S. Truman is remembered by many Americans for being blunt and plain-spoken and for an occasional profanity. But the man who served him as pastor during the years of his presidential administration remembers him for his warmth and kindness — and his humor.

Edward Hughes Pruden, pastor of First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., from 1936 to 1969, including all the years of Truman's presidency from 1945-1953, mourned the death of the former Chief Executive. Pruden is living here in retirement and serves as minister in residence at Meredith College, North Carolina Baptist college for women.

The former Washington pastor said he knew that much about Truman's blunt mannerisms. "But I appreciated his warm personality," he said. "Behind all that was a gentle, kind man that few people got a chance to know."

President Truman, a Baptist, attended Pruden's church as a senator and vice-president. He came regularly after attaining the presidency, Pruden reported.

"He asked no special favors," Pruden said. "He wanted to be treated like any other member of the congregation."

The President usually walked the

approximately eight blocks to the church from the White House and always attended the first of the two morning services.

"I would get a call about 9:30 a.m. from a Secret Service man telling me that the President had left his office for the church," Pruden said.

"He was scrupulously punctual, always participating in the service, and invariably expressed a word of appreciation as I walked with him from the sanctuary to the street when the service had been concluded."

Pruden noted that in the book, Mr. President, a quote from Truman's diary states: "I go for a walk and go to church. The preacher always treats me as a church member and not the head of a circus. That is the reason I go to the First Baptist Church. Once I went to another church where the pastor made a real show of the occasion. I will never go back. I do not go to church for show. I dislike headline hunters."

In a letter to Pruden, the President wrote: "I get a lot of pleasure out of

coming to church. I don't want you ever to feel that you are in any way handicapped on your freedom of speech and expression just because I happen to be there. I want to be treated like every other citizen and every other good Baptist."

"One of the things I am one hundred per cent for is freedom of expression as long as it is within the bounds of reason and decency."

Nevertheless, Pruden said he felt their relationship was somewhat strained by Truman's announcement

he would appoint Gen. Mark Clark as his personal envoy to the Vatican. Pruden and other Protestant and Jewish leaders in the capital voiced their opposition.

Pruden said that he tried to make it clear that his opposition was to the appointment and not directed at Truman himself. "I honestly felt that he was under the impression that it would be best for the country. The cold war had begun and apparently he felt that he could get information from the Vatican foreign office that was unavailable elsewhere."

Clark resolved the controversy by withdrawing from consideration from the post, but Pruden said President Truman stopped attending church services.

The Clark controversy almost coincided with an attempt on the President's life by Puerto Rican gunmen, however, and Pruden said the church was ruled off limits for the President for security reasons. The pastor said he would rather believe the attempt on the President's life was what stopped his church-going and not any lingering ill-feeling over the Clark episode.

"I visited him several times after that and corresponded with him and always found him cordial," Pruden said.

The President had his humorous side, Pruden recalled that once when (Continued on page 2)

Christian Action Plans Conferences

"Helping Other People With Their Problems" is the theme of the Christian Action Commission area conferences to be held January 15-26, according to announcement by Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director.

The conferences are designed to help lay church leaders and pastors to better cope with the family needs common to most communities.

Dr. John Harper, Starkville; Dr. John Alcorn, Hattiesburg; Dr. Macklyn Hubbard, Cleveland; and Chaplain Gordon Shamburger, Jackson, will serve as resource personnel.

Among the topics to be discussed are "How To Help, What To Do, What Not To Do," "Ministering To The Ter-

minally Ill and the Family," "How To Help Through Groups," and "Meeting Special Needs."

The place and time for the eight meetings follow: Greenwood, First. (Continued on page 2)



Alcorn



Hubbell



Shamburger



Harper

Harry Truman

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the Sunday morning offering was being counted, a \$5 bill was found with Truman's signature written across it. Attached to the bill was a note on White House stationery that read, "The deacon who finds this bill can keep it as a souvenir if he puts two like it in its place."

And once the President came to the church to attend a meeting of the Baptist World Alliance. He arrived in the Presidential limousine and Pruden said that as the President stepped out of the car he removed his overcoat and handed it to a secret service man with the admonition: "Keep your eye on this; there are a lot of Baptists around here."

"In personal conversations with him, I found him to be warm, cordial and unusually thoughtful," Pruden said. "He was the kind of person anyone would enjoy having for a next door neighbor."

"This is the Truman I remember."

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Jan. 15, 9:30 am - 2:45 pm; Brandon, First, Jan. 16, 9:30 am-2:45 pm; Booneville, First, Jan. 17, 9:30 am - 2:45 pm; Kosciusko, First, Jan. 19 4:00 pm - 8:45 pm; Newton, Clarke College, Jan. 22, 4:00 pm - 8:45 pm; Lucedale, First, Jan. 23, 4:00 pm - 8:45 pm; Collins, Collins Church, Jan. 25 9:30 am - 2:45 pm; McComb, First, Jan. 26 9:30 am - 2:45 pm.

Dr. John Alcorn is chairman and professor of guidance, University of Southern Mississippi, and a deacon in the First Baptist Church of Hattiesburg.

Dr. John Harper is assistant professor of guidance education, Mississippi State University, and a deacon in the First Baptist Church of Starkville.

Dr. Macklyn Hubbell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Cleveland, recently earned his doctorate in the field of guidance counseling at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Rev. Gordon Shambarger is Chaplain of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Jackson.

Both Hubbell and Harper are members of the Christian Action Commission.



Harry S. Truman - - Churchgoer

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Former President Harry S. Truman, who died in Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 26 at the age of 88, was a life-long Southern Baptist who met frequently with churchmen and often addressed religious groups.

At top, then President Truman, Mrs. Truman and their daughter, Margaret, leave Washington's First Baptist church after attending services. They were accompanied by Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden, pastor of the church. Mr. Truman joined a Southern Baptist church in Grandview, Mo., in 1916 and held the membership for the rest of his life. Both his wife and daughter are Episcopalians.

Below, the first copy of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible is presented to President Truman in September 1962 at the White House by Dr. Luther A. Weigle (right), chairman of the committee which prepared the revision. Also present at the ceremony were, from left to right: Dr. Arthur Flemming, then a vice-president of the National Council of Churches and chairman of the National Capital Bible Observance; Dr. Earl Frederick Adams, an administrative secretary of the National Council; Dr. Edward L. R. Elson, president of the Washington Federation of Churches; and Dr. Roy G. Ross, association general secretary of the NCC. (RNS Photo)

SBC Televangelism Slated Feb. 11 On 20 Stations

ATLANTA (BP) — "Spring Street USA," Southern Baptists' first attempt at presenting the gospel in a variety show format through television media, will premiere Feb. 11, 1973, on 20 television stations across the nation.

The half-hour color program, first of a 13-week series, will feature evangelism leader Kenneth L. Chafin as host. Producer of the program is

Truett Myers of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, located at 1350 Spring Street, N. W., here, had been responsible for content of the show, while the Radio-TV Commission located in Fort Worth is cooperating with the production and distribution of the programs.

Although the premiere of "Spring Street USA" is not a major network

showing, it will be broadcast over 20 stations mostly in the southern states, with plans to triple the number of stations by the end of the year.

The format includes music, interviews and a message by Chafin, former director of the Home Mission Board's Division of Evangelism who is now pastor of South Main Baptist Church in Houston.

Guests for the program include such notables as Norma Zimmer, soloist for the Lawrence Welk television show.

The Spring Street Singers, a newly formed musical group, will appear regularly. Music by Beryl Red, president of B-R Productions and Generic Music Co. in New York City, one of Baptists' best-known composers and arrangers, will be used for the telecasts.

Chafin said that the show attempts "in music, interviews and in message to communicate Jesus Christ and invite me to a personal relationship with him."

Commentary Is Top Story

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the Commentary in its present form, on grounds it "is out of harmony with the spirit and letter of the Statement of Baptist Faith and Message adopted by this convention."

Messengers, by about a 4 to 1 margin, declined to ask for withdrawal and rewriting of the 12-volume commentary, produced by the convention's Sunday school board.

More active lay involvement in SBC affairs captured four first-place votes and got named on 25 ballots. A new lay ministries department is being created by the SBC Brotherhood Commission, under its new executive director, Glendon McCullough, Memphis. More lay involvement in Baptist affairs has been a major theme of SBC President Owen Cooper, a Yazoo City, Mississippi industrialist.

Third, fourth and fifth place stories are closely grouped and the margin of votes separating all three is narrow.

Southern Baptists encountered women's efforts to serve as ministers, even as pastors, on at least four different occasions in 1972. This continuing story received one first-place vote, named on 23 ballots.

While several Baptist bodies in America and in other countries accept women as pastors, Southern Baptist churches have traditionally refused to call women as pastors.

In addition to showing a record number of converts baptized in 1972, statistics for the year are expected to push Southern Baptists — the world's largest Baptist body and the largest Protestant group in the US — past 12 million. Four first place votes; mentioned on 20 ballots.

Baptism questions before state conventions last fall centered mainly on alien immersion or non-immersion. Among other things, in involved the practice of some churches which receive members from other denominations who have not been baptized by immersion. One first-place vote; marked on 23 ballots.

James Irwin, a Southern Baptist, resigned from the space program and set up an evangelistic ministry named "High Flight." He travelled widely over the world during the year, meeting heads of government and speaking about his religious convictions. At year's end he was touring with a Baptist music group and appearing in Israel and Jordan. Three first-place votes; checked on 20 ballots.

The SBC "Committee of 15" recommended restructure changes for two SBC commissions. Its recommendation to abolish the Stewardship Commission was voted down at the Philadel-

phia convention. Two first place votes; indicated on 16 ballots.

Baptists announced they oppose proposals in Congress for tax credits for students attending parochial schools. They also oppose efforts to withdraw tax exemptions for church property and tax deductions for church gifts. Three "firsts;" mentioned on 18 ballots.

The "top 10" showed up this way in tabular form:

Place	Story	First Place Votes	No. Ballots	Points
1	Commentary	6	27	202
2	Lay Involvement	4	25	161
3	1972 Statistics	4	20	133
4	Women Pastors	1	23	130
5	Baptism Issues	1	23	128
6	James Irwin	3	20	116
7	Tax Credits, Exemptions	3	18	97½
8	Structural Changes	2	16	96
9	"Becoming" Magazine	2	12	84
10	Nixon-Russians Baptists	2	16	70

Three first-place votes went to stories which did not receive enough other support to rank it in the "top 10." The half-point occurred when an editor split his vote among two stories, and the total points were divided equally.

Year Of Evangelism

Providential Adventures In Christian Witnessing

By R. Othel Feather

Mohammed, my barber in Beirut, Lebanon, was the oldest son of an Arab family. Traditionally, he was more or less in charge of his younger brothers and sisters, although, his father was the head of the family in the strictest sense.

Like many Arabs, Mohammed was a very proud person. He considered himself more than a barber. According to his own statement, he was an artist who attempted to improve the personal appearance of his customers. In spite of Mohammed's natural national pride, he was very affable and courteous.

Soon I was able to witness to him by sharing my personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Almost every Barber appointment resulted in some conversation regarding the Christian faith. He raised many questions and we were able to talk freely about Christ as the Son of God, the promised Messiah.

After about two months of such casual contacts I presented him with a New Testament and later invited him to attend an evangelistic service with me. This he graciously declined without explaining why. He surprised me, however, by asking if I would take his younger brother instead. This I did, knowing that I had the older brother's approval.

al, which is a favorable condition in the Middle East among the Islam people. The service was warm in spirit and highly evangelistic. My young Arab guest was deeply impressed. He asked several questions regarding the sermon and the invitation.

Shortly thereafter I left Lebanon and did not return until four years later. When I returned for a few day's visit in 1968, I was greeted by Mohammed in the usual friendly Arab fashion as he embraced me. Immediately, he shared with me the fact that his younger brother had become a Christian and for more than a year had been reading the New Testament to their entire family almost every evening when they were all at home. In the meantime, the younger brother had moved to Holland where he established his own business as a barber and married a wonderful Christian girl. At that time Mohammed was much nearer to making his decision than ever before.

I had tried hard to win Mohammed but under the providence of God a younger brother accepted Christ and became a personal missionary to his own Arab family, with the consent and encouragement of his older brother, the first-born son of a devout Moslem family.

Architects, Organists To Hold Seminar On Music, Acoustics, And Room Design

The Mississippi Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and the Jackson Chapter of the American Guild of Organists are sponsoring a seminar on January 26, on "Music, Acoustics, and Room Design."

The seminar, to feature Robert Newman, vice-president, Bolt, Beranek and Newman, Inc., of Cambridge, Massachusetts, will be held at the Sun 'n Sand Motel in Jackson, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Newman is associate professor of architecture at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and professor of architectural technology at Harvard University. A Fellow of the Acoustical Society of America, he has lectured and written extensively for architects and engineers on architectural acoustics.

He was born in China in 1917, received a B. A. and M. A. in Physics from the University of Texas in 1938-39, and M. Arch. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1940, and Sc. D. (Honorary) from Lawrence College in 1963; honorary member, Instituto Brasileiro de Acustica, 1958.

Following Mr. Newman's presentation,

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First Mission Society was launched at First Baptist.

The Baptist General Missionary Convention of 1844 saw considerable differences of opinion develop between delegates from the North and South on slavery and other regional issues. In 1845, the Southern Baptist Convention was formed as a separate organization.

Dr. Robert G. Torbet, former president of the American Baptist Churches and a Baptist historian, is chairman of the anniversary committee. He is a member of First Church. The Rev. Howard G. Hartsell is pastor.

Cassettes Ready For January Bible Study

A unique study aid and special feature for January Bible Study classes was announced this week by Innerphase — RelComm, a Waco-based firm which specializes in innovations in electronic media for churches.

"The Message of Galatians: Law and Grace," features 4½ hours of studies in the book of Galatians by Dr. Ray Summers and Dr. Bob Patterson both members of the faculty of the Department of Religion of Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

"Exegesis and commentary by Dr. Summers blends with a sermon treatment of major theological themes by Dr. Patterson," said Innerphase president Charlie Coffey, "to provide a multiple-use tool that will be treasured in the libraries of pastors and churches long after the January Bible Study emphasis for which it was created."

Some pastors, suggested Coffey, will probably use the tapes for their own study as they prepare to teach. "But the voicing by the professors is of such quality that they can be played before the classes as 'guest lectures' on important passages and as discussion starters."

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Without a will, all of this is lost to the cause of Christ.

During the past fiscal year the investment income of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation amounted to \$216,362.00; realized capital gains were \$46,261.00; gifts received \$154,825.00; and other income amounted to \$88,770.00. The fund balance as of the close of the fiscal year was \$3,604,469.00 and the yield on endowment amounted to 6.80 per cent.

Your convention elected as trustees, J. W. Barfield, A. L. Boone, Grady Doss, E. L. Herring, C. H. Kennedy, Rev. Barry Landrum, Harvey Ray, D. L. Simmons, and Dr. Brooks West.

Mr. Barfield serves as president of the board and Mr. Boone, Mr. Doss and Mr. Kennedy serve on the executive committee which is responsible for investments.

If the services of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation in the areas of wills, trusts and estate planning can be of help to you, it is available without financial obligation on your part since our budget is provided by the Cooperative Program.

The 90-minute tapes, with accompanying printed outlines, are available in most Baptist Book Stores. Or they may be ordered directly from Innerphase — RelComm, P. O. Box 7085, Waco, Texas 76710, for only \$15.45, plus 50c handling charges.

January Bible Study

Rev. Bruce Hilbun, pictured, will preach a series of doctrinal sermons at Richland Church, Plain, January 14-17. This approach to January Bible Study is different in that a "preaching" approach will be made to the study of God's word, states Pastor Paul B. Williamson, Jr. Services will be at 11 a. m. Sunday and 7 p. m. nightly. Mr. Hilbun has been in the gospel ministry for 55 years.

Moves To Natchez

Rev. Billy R. Thomas, pictured, has accepted the pastorate of Immanuel Church, Natchez, where he will begin his new duties on January 14.

He goes to Natchez from the pastorate of Oak Grove Church, Simpson County, where he has served since 1968. From 1968 to 1970 he was pastor of Pine Grove in Simpson County.

Native of Jackson, he is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He is married and the father of two sons and two daughters.

He was associate director of evangelism for Simpson County, and formerly was professor of evangelism for the Home Mission Board at Union Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans.

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millions of people who prayed for him during the voyage. "I have an obligation to tell people their prayers were answered."

"This is fantastic," responded Mrs. Meir. "Your trip is one thing that unites people all over the world, and there are very few things that really unite all mankind. But during the hours you men are up there, the one thing everyone wants to see you come home safely."

Turning to Mrs. Irwin, who was present with a group of eight other Baptists travelling with Irwin, Mrs. Meir told Irwin and the group, "I think this lady was as brave as you, sitting down on earth."

At one point during the visit, Irwin compared the physical appearance of the moon to the hills and valleys of the Holy Land. He said it was difficult to realize they were really on the moon, and it only became real when they looked up and saw the earth.

At that moment, "you really feel you are looking at the earth with the eyes of God," Irwin said.

Nodding in agreement, Mrs. Meir noted that "I felt like this at Mt. Sinai, when she went to see the mountain in the desert where Moses received the Ten Commandments and the Law for the Hebrew people."

She compared Irwin's search for moon rocks with archaeological efforts in the Holy Land. "You went to the moon to find something new; yet here you can find things that are thousands of years old, inscribed in Hebrew. It is not something separated from the present, but it is immediately connected with the present," she said.

Irwin quipped in reply that the astronauts dug a lot on the moon, but did not find anything with Hebrew inscriptions.

During the meeting, Irwin presented to Mrs. Meir a large, framed color photograph of himself saluting the American flag on the moon. Beside the photograph was a small Israeli flag which Irwin said had been taken to the moon by the Apollo 15 crew during their 12 day voyage in the late summer of 1971.

At another point during the visit, Bill Rittenhouse, executive director and vice-president of High Flight, presented to the Prime Minister an engraved plaque with a large, raised emblem depicting the High Flight symbol. Rittenhouse is former pastor of Nassau Bay Baptist Church, Houston, where Irwin was a member.

Mrs. Meir asked about the purpose of High Flight, a non-profit foundation, and Irwin explained his desire to create an organization that would enable him to devote full time to sharing both his scientific and spiritual experiences on the moon.

This was his purpose in coming to the Holy Land, he added. Irwin, his family, and party were travelling with a group of 385 persons from the United States, including 250 musicians and singers, organized by the Meier International Study League of Hurst, Tex.

The American choir members, most of them from Texas, Georgia and Arkansas, joined the Protestant Community Choir of Israel on five successive nights. In addition to the presentation of Handel's "Messiah," Irwin spoke concerning his experiences on the moon and narrated a motion picture highlighting the 12-day Apollo 15 flight. On Christmas Eve, the choir sang in Manger Square in Bethlehem.

The choirs included the Brewton-Parker College Choir and Hand Bell Ringers of Mt. Vernon, Ga., a Baptist junior college in Georgia; the A Cappella Choir of Baylor University, Waco, Tex.; the Southwestern Singers of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex.; plus four soloists from the seminary and an orchestra from Baylor University.

David Meier, director of Meier International Study League which sponsored the choir trip and handled arrangements through the Baptist Convention of Israel and the Ministry of Tourism, told the Prime Minister the choir had never performed or rehearsed together as a unit before their first performance, yet sang beautifully in the "Messiah" performances. Meier has for the past four years coordinated arrangements for the Bethlehem Choral Festival on Christmas Eve.

Mrs. Meir told the Prime Minister, on behalf of the students in the choir, that many of the youth said the trip had changed their lives. They were excited, she said, for seeing not only the places mentioned in the Bible,

Pastorium Burns

Rev. and Mrs. Bob Mathis of Philipston Church, Leflore County, met with calamity on December 14 when the interior of their home, the church pastorium, burned. The pastor and wife lost all their possessions except the clothes they were wearing. They are living now in a trailer parked near the church, at Route 1, Sidon, Ms. 38954.

but for seeing the spirit of the people. "They will never be the same as a result of it," she said.

The Meier and Irwin children, also present at the meeting, presented to the grandchildren of the Prime Minister a book of photographs of national parks in the United States, and Meier presented to the Prime Minister a Christmas fruit cake in the shape of the state of Texas.

The visit closed with Mrs. Meir's grandchildren shyly asking for the astronaut's autograph, and the Irwin children and party asking for the Prime Minister's autograph.

Immediately following the session with the Prime Minister, the group departed by bus for Jordan, crossing the Allenby Bridge into Amman, Jordan, where they were to be the guests of King Hussein of Jordan.

Scenes From The Youth Convention



Rev. Joe McKeever, Jackson, coordinator of evangelism activities for the Youth Convention held in Jackson December 28 and 29, looks on (at left) as three young people take turns on Friday night telling of their experiences Friday afternoon in witnessing at Jackson shopping centers.



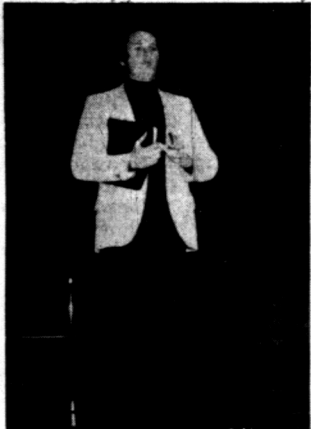
The Youth Choir of First Church, Hattiesburg, James Hayes, director, first place winner in the State Youth Choir Festival for the third straight year, sang Friday night at the Municipal Auditorium.



TRUTH, Mobile-based singing group, performed several times during the youth convention. Above, they are shown in action.



Rev. Jack Taylor, San Antonio, Texas, was a featured speaker.



Rev. Barry Wood, Northridge, California, brought the final message of the youth convention and led in the decision service.

Administration

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and how to get started and complete long-range planning.

"Long-range planning provides the missing link for meaningful accomplishments for a bewildered church. The long-range planning process is a proven technique for a church to use in defining its mission and developing the right plans for realizing it."

"Participants will have opportunity to work toward developing skills in using the long-range planning techniques in laboratory workshops."

Churches desiring to be represented at the seminar are urged to write to the Cooperative Missions Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, for further details and enrollment forms.

The seminar will be jointly sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department and the Church Administration Department, Nashville.



Messages Recorded On Home Board Activities

Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary - treasurer of the Home Mission Board, records the first message for the new Home Missions Hotline which began January 1, 1973. This year-round service instituted by the Board makes it possible for anyone to call the Board's special number and receive a two- or three-minute recorded message about HMB activities. Changing every Friday, the messages will keep you abreast of the latest home mission happenings with emphases on offerings, conferences, prayer concerns, insights into home mission ministries and personnel. Available at minimum rates, station-to-station calls, the number is (404) 875-7701.

1973 Conference Center Rate Changes Announced

NASHVILLE — Bob M. Boyd, director of the conference center division of the Sunday School Board has announced increased rates at Ridgecrest and Gloria beginning June 1, 1973 because of continued rising costs.

The change (the first in three years) will mean that those writing in for reservations must send in \$7.50 rather than \$5.00 to secure their reservations.

The \$7.50 fee will be named a Conference Services Fee and will not cover the same costs as the old registration fee. The old fee was used as a general revenue fee, although it originally covered reservation, registration and insurance costs. The new fee will cover these three items plus the cost of all general services to conference participants whether they stay in conference center facilities or not. Included will be: Provision of conference space, auditorium, etc.,

free clinic services (medicine not included), postal service, Messenger service, recreation facilities, grounds and gardens, preschool and day camp facilities, security, reservation, registration, insurance.

Under this concept, the food charges will cover food service costs, room charges will cover that cost and the conference service fee will defray the cost of all other guest services. Those staying in housing not conference center owned will, under this plan, be able to carry their fair share of the cost of facilities they enjoy on the same basis as the guests staying in conference center hotels.

The new fee is required for all persons school age and above. Preschoolers will pay only \$4.00. No increases are proposed in room and food rates.

Further clarification is available from Bob M. Boyd, the Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue North, Nashville, Tenn., 37234.

Parochial Aid Battle Looms In Congress

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Joint Committee has a record of opposition to tax credit aid to parochial schools. The committee testified against such a measure before the House Ways and Means Committee last August.

At its October semi-annual meeting last year, Wood said, the Baptist Joint Committee "reaffirmed its opposition and respectfully requested that the committee on ways and means refuse tax credits out of consideration of the American tradition of religious liberty and separation of church and state."

The Baptist executive requested that "expressions of opposition from all sectors of American society should be communicated to members of Congress."

Commenting on the prospects for his bill in the House of Representatives, Ford said he thought the prospects for passage were "fairly good," particularly since it is backed by the House Ways and Means chairman Wilbur Mills (D., Ark.).

Ribicoff made no prediction for the bill's chances in the Senate, but the

tax credit idea is supported heavily by President Nixon's administration.

The traditional arguments were used both by Ford and Ribicoff in support of some form of public aid to the private schools. These are: parents should be helped to exercise freedom of choice in education for their children; parents should be relieved of part of the double financial load when they send their children to private schools; if the parochial schools close it will cost the public many millions of dollars to absorb their pupils.

Opposition to the tax credit plan for parochial schools will be voiced not only by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs but by numerous other religious, civil liberties and educational organizations. These will include the National Education Association, the American Civil Liberties Union, and Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

A coalition of many such organizations has been formed and organized opposition to tax credit proposals will be expressed vigorously.

Baptists To Release TV Show, SASH, For 9-14 Year Old Kids

FORT WORTH (BP) — "JOT," Southern Baptists award-winning television series for Children, now has an older sister. Her name is "SASH."

"SASH," a bright five-minute cartoon series aimed at nine to 14-year-old television viewers, will be re-

leased by the Southern Baptist Radio-Television Commission here in January.

A "pilot" of the new program will be mailed in the "JOT" packet to the 100 stations now carrying the program for four to eight year-olds.

"SASH," like "JOT," is designed to help young people cope with the problems of relating to others, said Paul M. Stevens, president of the Radio-TV Commission here. Each segment will serve as a vehicle for a Biblical teaching in human relationships, he added.

"SASH" was developed to reach the audience that has outgrown "JOT," Stevens pointed out. "JOT" continues to appeal to the four to eight year olds, but there is little on television for those now entering the ages of nine to 14, he added.

"We are asking that the SASH pilot be shown in the JOT time slot because we feel the older brothers and sisters of JOT viewers probably will be watching television then also," Stevens said. "We are encouraging station managers to tell us how they like SASH and to give us their audience reaction. As an added incentive for audience reaction, we're offering to a free SASH poster to youngsters who will write asking for it."

Mrs. Ruth Byers of Fort Worth, who created JOT for the Radio-TV Commission, will serve as editor and oversee production of SASH.

There will be some differences between JOT and SASH. "With JOT, the important thing is not the plot but the decision he makes," said Mrs. Byers. "Small children are learning to deal with themselves and JOT helps them in that situation."

"SASH, on the other hand, has more of a plot because older children, while still learning to deal with themselves, are doing so in the context of other people as well," Mrs. Byers pointed out.

While JOT is an animated "dot" who can assume many shapes, SASH will have a face and be limited to a

more realistic form. She can be embellished, however, with abstract colors and designs to show inner thoughts.

The SASH pilot explores peer group relationships when a new girl who is "different" comes to school. Future programs will deal with problems that youth in the nine to 14 age group face in getting along with parents and other children.

Mrs. Byers said they showed the SASH pilot to several youngsters in that age group, asking them for ideas to use in future episodes. They weren't interested in programs on drugs or current social problems, but wanted to know how to get along with parents and with one another, she said.

Stevens said the SASH pilot will supplement the JOT series until there are enough episodes produced for a separate SASH series. Animation for SASH will be done by Keltz and Herndon of Dallas, the same company that animates the JOT episodes.

The Convention President Speaks

It is my opinion that most of the people of all the churches identified with Mississippi Baptist want and intend to be a New Testament church. One passage of scripture that stands out in my mind so vividly in regard to a church program is the Great Commission.

Many times I have thought how I would seek to lead the church, where I serve as pastor, to go into all the world with the gospel if it were not for the Cooperative Program. Frankly, I do not know how any local church could do it; but thanks be unto God, we, as Southern Baptists, do have a means whereby we can obey the Great Commission and that is the Cooperative Program.

Everything Southern Baptists do beyond the local church program is dependent upon what we do through this common channel. This applies to home and foreign missions. It applies to Christian education or hospital work. It applies to care for homeless and-or parentless children. A anything you can think of that is done in the name of Southern Baptists looks to the Cooperative Program for its lifeline. I do not mean to insinuate or imply that there are not other sources of income. There are many, but this one way is the very heart of the whole world-wide Cause.

Therefore, I want to encourage all individuals of all Mississippi Baptist churches to give serious consideration to the amount your church is giving through the cooperative program. —David Grant

Longview Calls Pastor

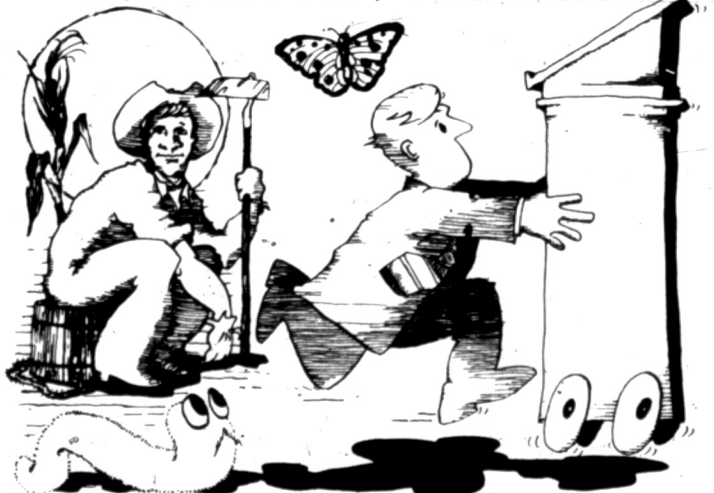
Rev. Wayne Sanders has accepted the pastorate of Longview Church, Okitbheba County, and began his work there December 31, having resigned as pastor of Calvary Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

A native of Longview, he is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary. Before going to Indiana he was pastor of Covington, Tenn.

He is married to the former Carmen Jo Thatch of Heidelberg. They have two sons, John Davis, 3, and Wayne Keith, 13 months.

"Few people are fast enough to keep up with their good intentions," —Herman Gross, Tri-County (Mo.) News.

About those foreign missions ads:



Recently we ran a series of ads about foreign missions personnel needs. Emphasis was placed on calls for evangelists, student workers, physicians, agriculturalists. We could also add social workers, teachers, and nurses—all are critical needs.

Phrases and words such as "divine call," "willingness," and "qualified" were used because these are prerequisites for overseas missionary service.

Why the ads? Southern Baptists need to know that their overseas missionaries have requested 800 additional personnel, that the need for worldwide Christian witness is critical and the opportunities are great.

Would you like to know more?

☐ I want to know more about overseas missionary personnel needs. Please send the "Needs Packet."

Name _____

Address _____

Check One: ☐ Pastor ☐ Church Staff Member

☐ Student ☐ Seminary ☐ High School ☐ College

☐ Other (Specify) _____

Comment: _____

Send to: Needs Packet, Foreign Mission Board, SBC, P.O. Box 6597, Richmond, Virginia 23260

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EDITORIAL

A Year Of Christian Witness

It will be that for Mississippi Baptists, who have set this year as one of evangelism emphasis.

It will be that in more than 150 denominations and religious groups across the nation, for this is the year of "Key '73." That means it is a year in which these numerous denominations and groups have agreed to make evangelism their key emphasis. Each denomination and group will carry on its program in its own way, and in its own particular setting, yet the overall result is an impact of evangelistic emphasis which it is hoped will touch all America. Special television programs, radio programs, news releases, etc., are calling America to hear the Christian message.

Southern Baptists have very loose ties with Key '73, since the denomination, not being able to act for its churches, did not officially make them a part of the program. Nevertheless, many churches are cooperating on a local level, and some Baptist organizations are giving special emphasis to evangelism, so as to coincide with the program. They felt that a time when evangelism was being considered nationally, was a must time to give renewed em-

phasis to it in our own churches and work.

Evangelism is not a new emphasis or an unusual one for either Southern Baptists or Mississippi Baptists, as it is for some groups. Almost everything that is done in our churches and denominational life is related to evangelism, or centers in it. So, when a year of evangelistic emphasis is set, it does not mean that we are changing our program. We simply are giving a special emphasis to it at this time.

Last year Mississippi Baptists promoted Sunday school enlargement and improvement. It is logical that we should this year follow that with an evangelism effort. New people who were brought in by Sunday school outreach, need to be won to Christ. The Sunday school enlargement and improvement should have brought in many prospects and prepared them for Christian witness. The convention and the churches have set out to try to bring them to personal faith in Christ in this year, if they have not already been won. Moreover, effort will be made to reach the masses all around us who still are unreached by the Sunday

school or any other church group.

Leading the Mississippi emphasis is Roy Collum, director of evangelism for the state convention board. Last week's Record outlined what the program is to be in 1973.

It is important that every church become involved in this program. Let us pray for souls, preach for souls, witness for souls, train witnesses for soul winning, seek to build a soul winning atmosphere, and do the many other things which can be done to bring people to our Lord.

This year will be one of the greatest in Mississippi history and American history, if Baptists and others, can really make it a year of all-out evangelistic effort.

"I Bequeath..."

What will you leave your loved ones? What do you leave to the Lord's work?

We have just read an interesting advertisement. It contains the "Official Will" of "Mr. N. O. Will."

It reads, "Being of a sound mind (?) I bequeath my beloved wife two years of frustration and financial loss in probate court costs, bonds, fees, etc."

"I bequeath to an unknown judge the right to demand of my wife to appear before him as often as he desires for an accounting of how she handled the children's share of the estate."

"I refuse to remember my Lord or the church..."

These are rather startling statements, but how true they may be IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A WILL.

January is MAKE YOUR WILL month in the promotion of The State Foundations, the Southern Baptist Foundation, and the Stewardship Departments of the Convention. They do this each year, hoping to help the many people who do not have wills, to see the importance of making them.

These agencies also stand ready to give assistance to those who wish their counsel, even to helping them actually make the will. Usually, wills are made by the attorney who serves the individual and his family, and the agencies stand ready to give those attorneys any counsel needed concerning bequests to the Lord's work.

Making a will is important. It is of utmost importance to your heirs, and it is also important if you wish to give any of your property to the Lord's work.

January is "Make Your Will Month." Why not make you will now?



Girdling The Globe

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Thanks To Some "Wonderful People"

Dear Dr. Odle:

I am writing this letter to you because I do not know who to thank for the gift I received in the mail today from some very wonderful people.

The wonderful people I speak of are the people of Mississippi—who made possible the gift I received in the mail—which was a new sport coat, slacks, shirt and tie.

I realize the cost involved in sending these items or like items to all the pastors in Montana and I can quickly see it was no easy task to get these items together and get them in the mail.

Words cannot express my feelings for all the wonderful people there in Mississippi who not only made this possible—but for all the other support you have given to the Lord's work here in Montana. Thank you all so very very much for all that you have done. May the Lord bless you all as you work for Him there in your own great state. Robert H. Moon, Pastor Immanuel Baptist Church Havre, Montana

Foreign Board Can Channel Gifts, Money To Nicaragua

Dear Dr. Odle:

In response to many inquiries the Foreign Mission Board is happy to state that we can receive and channel to Nicaragua gifts of money for relief. Although we have no missionaries of our Board in Nicaragua the mission representatives in Guatemala are in close touch with the situation and can see that all relief gifts reach those in need. Gifts should be sent designated for Nicaragua relief.

Baker J. Cauthen
Foreign Mission Board
Richmond, Virginia

interpretations of Galatians that we have seen. Outlines and discusses the great truths of the letter, and brings out in sharp view the central message. Carefully considers the difficult sections. Alliteration is used very effectively in the outlining, making the volume most helpful to preachers and teachers.

TRUTH ON FIRE by Clark H. Pincock (Baker, 94 pp., paper, \$1.95) This outstanding theologian, who is widely known among Southern Baptists, sees Paul's Epistle to the Galatians as "spiritual dynamite". He says that this is just as true for twentieth century Christians as for the Galatian churches. A special value of the book is the way that the author applies its truths to modern day situations. According to Dr. Pincock, false teachers who pervert the gospel of Christ are even more evident today than in Paul's day. With the wisdom and scholarship of the theologian, the author digs out the truths of the book, but then he presents those truths in a manner that they become clear and meaningful even to the average reader.

GALATIANS, THE MAGNA CARTA OF CHRISTIAN LIBERTY by Billy E. Simmons (Crescendo Book Publications 128 pp., paper, \$1.95) A former Mississippian (Mississippi College and pastorates) who now is head of the Bible department at East Texas Baptist College, presents Galatians as a great declaration and defense of Christian liberty, liberty which is brought by God's redemptive plan, and delivers one from legalism and all demands of works as a means of salvation. After an introductory section and outline, the author presents his own translation and gives a verse by verse discussion. A final section of the book offers fourteen sermon outlines on great texts or sections of the book. A helpful volume in studying, teaching or preaching on Galatians.

A Woman's World Reaches For Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

I read somewhere that there is a certain type helicopter in use in Vietnam which requires twenty hours of maintenance for every one hour of flying time. At first, I thought this had to some sort of error—how could one hour of flying require so much preparation?

Then I thought of Christmas dinners. I also thought of hanging 120 yards of cloth and lining I made into drapes several years ago. I remembered walking across various stages to receive various degrees. I remembered piano recitals. I recalled German chocolate cakes. I recalled birthdays of our boys.

It was easy then to see how an exchange of twenty hours for one is not so unlikely, after all. We deal with such lopsided exchanges all time. They prove to be fair exchanges when the one hour accomplishes what it is supposed to accomplish—whether it's safe flying, the performance of a piano piece, a family enjoying a special feast, a person finally reaching for a diploma, or a day marking a certain number of years of living.

Possibly it would not be an injustice to the Scripture in Ephesians 5:16 to say this is what is meant by "redeeming the time." Though twenty hours of maintenance have been used up, they are redeemed when the hour of flying is done.

A parent redeems all the hours of childcare and child love when the child develops into a reasonably well-functioning adult.

It's kind of like saving green stamps, only a heap better.—Address: Box 9151, Jackson 39206.

EDUCATION...what's happening

Everett L. Cattell, President of Malone College in Canton, Ohio, has said that "If we evangelicals are to have youth prepared to live in a society in which Christians are increasingly a minority and are surrounded with increasing paganism, they must, in addition to personal experience of Christ, which is basic, have an intellectual understanding of their faith in its relation to the arts and sciences. The personal experience of Christ may be maintained by students in a secular university. But many who do so permit a dichotomy in their lives. Their personal faith is one thing, their intellectual life another. This is not good enough for leadership in the days ahead. Because an intellectual understanding of the relation of the liberal arts to the Christian faith is not given in a secular university, keeping the evangelical colleges alive and relevant is a life-and-death matter."

—Christianity Today, "The Grim Alternatives in Christian Higher Education," July 3, 1970.

Earl Wilson tells about a fellow who was so dumb that when he won his letter at college, somebody had to read it to him.

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What God Hath Wrought

It was in the late forties or early fifties. A little group of interested Baptists in a newly developing area of north Jackson had been meeting together seeking to establish a mission, which hopefully would become a church. The situation had been dragging and was most discouraging, since there had been little interest.

There came a day when the little group met, with some about ready to give up. Four men were present, along with ladies and young people who were in the interested group. An offering was taken, and one of these men felt the leadership of God to give about \$30.00, the tithe of a sum which he had received as a special bonus or gift. This was an unusually larger amount for the little band, and proved to be the turning point. It challenged others to give, even sacrificially, and new life came into the movement. Soon a mission was established, and in January, 1953 a new church was born. The missions committee of Jackson's First Church, worked with the group, and made large gifts for property purchases and other assistance in the beginning. Last Sunday that church, Broad-

moor, celebrated its 20th anniversary. Today it stands as one of the largest churches in Mississippi and one of the great churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. Its membership is above 3600, its property is valued at two and one-half million dollars, and its Sunday School is one of the top one hundred (57th) in the United States according to a recent Christian Life magazine survey. It is one of the state's leading churches in evangelism and mission giving.

In its twenty years, the church has had only two pastors. Dr. Gordon Sansing who was called before it became a church and served until the end of 1957, and Dr. David Grant who came in April 1958.

Throughout the anniversary observance, which was shared by the former pastor, and by Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, who was pastor of First Church when it was sponsoring the new mission and church, glory was given to God, who had made the amazing twenty year record possible. Well can we say, "What God hath wrought."

We join with others in congratulating the church on this glorious occasion.

NEWEST BOOKS

Broadman Publishes Sexuality Series

NASHVILLE (BP) — A "Sexuality in Christian Living" series of books was released by Broadman Press in January, 1973, as a response to the 1969 Southern Baptist Convention vote "encouraging all agencies and curriculum planners to give increasing attention" to such material.

The series of six books will provide factual information for leading the individual to develop wholesome attitudes toward sexuality, according to officials of the SBC Sunday School Board here.

Each book is designed to present accurate information that is biblically, medically, socially and psychologically sound for the age group of the intended readers.

"Sexuality in Christian Living" books were planned following a resolution adopted by the 1969 Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans which urged agencies of the Convention "to give increasing attention to basic and special resource materials on family life and sex education for Southern Baptist families and churches," in accordance with their program assignments.

The resolution also stated that "human sexuality and personality fulfillment may best be understood through teaching in home and church."

Curriculum advisors for the series were the staff of the family ministries section of the Sunday School Board, plus an advisory group composed of laymen, board employees and a representative of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

As a beginning response to the Convention action, the family ministries section of the Sunday School Board worked closely with the Christian Life Commission in developing a collection of miscellaneous printed items for "Christian Sex Education: A Resource Packet" published by Broadman in 1971. More than 8,400 packets have been secured by individuals and churches thus far.

Broadman's "Sexuality in Christian Living" books are aimed for in-

dividuals six years of age and above, to be used by boys and girls, their parents and teachers.

Robert and Annette Harty have written "Made to Grow" for ages six to eight. This book lays the foundations for wholesome attitudes toward family relationships and human sexuality. God's creation of plants, animals and people sets the background of a natural discussion of where babies come from. God's plan is emphasized in discussing the care and love of parents for a child, the importance and wonder of the family, and the roles of fathers and mothers.

"The Changing Me," for ages 9-11, is by David Edens, director of the marriage and family program at Stephens College, Columbia, Mo., and author of other books in this subject area. Emphasizing God's creative intention, the book discusses six differences, the growth and birth of a baby, simple facts of heredity and family relationships.

For those who are 12 to 14, the series includes "Growing Up with Sex" by Dr. Kenneth Crawford, and Paul D. Simmons. Crawford is a pediatrician in Louisville, and Simmons is an instructor in Christian ethics at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. This book answers questions about the relationship of Christianity to sexuality, Christian value systems, male-female role development, biology of sex and socio-sexual problems.

"Sex Is More than a Word" for ages 15-17 is by Andrew Lester, director of the School of Pastoral Care at the North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem. The book shows the relationship of developing human sexuality to other facets of personality and answers questions honestly and constructively. Included are discussion of male-female role development, biology of sex and human reproduction, the biblical approach to sexuality, sexual expression in personality development and the significance of marriage.

"Teaching Your Children About Sex" is a resource book for parents to use in connection with one or more of the age group books. The first three chapters present biblical insights and a theological basis for the Christian view of sex, the physiology of sex, and the intrinsic sexuality of life and the need for a wholesome attitude toward it. Subsequent chapters deal with each of the four age groups, reviewing the questions, problems and needs typical of each group. A glossary defines special words used throughout the series. The author is John Howell, professor of Christian ethics, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City.

"Made for Each Other" is by John W. Drakeford, professor of religious education and counselor in family life, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. This book is intended to help young adults, whether married or unmarried, understand themselves and their roles. The book is more concerned with beliefs, attitudes and relationships than with mere physiology. It discusses masculinity and femininity, the significance of marriage, sexuality and personality development, sexuality and the single person and misconceptions of the past in contrast with the idea of sex as God's gift.

Three More Books On Galatians

We have carried reviews of a large number of books on Galatians, the New Testament book being used in the January Bible Study. Three more books have come in, to which we wish to call your attention.

GALATIANS, GOD'S EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION by Hardy R. Denham Jr. (Author, 30 pp., mimeographed, heavy paper binding, \$1.50. Available at Book Store) "A Study Syllabus". One of the clearest, most helpful brief

Ezekiel Among The Exiles In Babylon

By Clifton J. Allen
Ezekiel 1:1-3; 2:1 to 4:17; 33:1-9
Along with Jeremiah and others, Ezekiel was a prophet of judgment and hope. His ministry was during the earlier part of the captivity in Babylon, beginning before the fall of Jerusalem and continuing after the fall. This was a critical and creative period in the history of God's people. Ezekiel, perhaps with more concreteness and intensity and severity than any other prophet, exposed the iniquity and faithlessness of the people of Judah and hence the necessity for God's righteous judgment in the destruction of the Temple and in the suffering and captivity of the people. Even so, Ezekiel believed in a new nation brought to life by God's quickening Spirit, a people possessed of a new heart and a new spirit, a cleansed and consecrated people, devoted to true worship, a people through whom God would carry

forward his purpose of redemption and blessing for all the peoples of the earth.
The Lesson Explained
AUTHENTIC PROPHET OF GOD (1:1-3)
The first of these verses is autobiographical. Ezekiel begins by saying that he was among the exiles by the river Chebar. He was of a priestly line, and he was himself a priest in Jerusalem before being taken along with other exiles in 597 B. C. His call came about five years later in 593 B. C. The essence of his call was: "The word of the Lord came expressly unto Ezekiel." This is emphasized further by the word that "the hand of the Lord was there upon him." The vision recorded in the rest of the chapter had a meaning for Ezekiel beyond our understanding. The heart of the truth, however, is that the vision impressed upon Ezekiel the glory of the Lord and the certainty that God was actively ruling over the world to accomplish his purpose among men. Ezekiel knew that God was speaking to him. It is important to

note that he was among the exiles. He knew their situation. He knew the rebellious spirit of the people back in Jerusalem. He would declare God's message to his fellow exiles and also God's message to the people back in Judah.
WATCHMAN FOR GOD'S PEOPLE (3:14-17)
God had charged Ezekiel not to be afraid and had equipped him with the sure words of the Lord, symbolized by giving him a scroll and charging him to eat it. In some mystical way, seemingly by vision rather than by physical removal, Ezekiel was transported by the Spirit to the exiles at Tel-abib. Ezekiel says, "I sat where they sat." Doubtless he was overcome by the mystery and sublimity of his transcendent vision, and even more, by the mission to which he was being called with his fearful responsibility. His awareness of the perversity and infidelity of the people of Judah and his understanding of the frightening judgment God would mete out to a rebellious people further induced him to spend seven days in quiet and ser-

ious reflection on the outcome of God's righteous judgment, on how God's promise to his covenant people would yet be accomplished, and on how he himself could deliver God's message and fulfill his mission. If they would but listen, there was hope of deliverance. If they would not listen, destruction would be the outcome. Ezekiel himself would be on trial as God's watchman for God's people. It was the prophet's responsibility to declare God's word and give warning to the people.
SIGN OF THE SIEGE (4:1-3)
Here we have a graphic description of both revelation and proclamation in the book of Ezekiel. God's word came to the prophet through visions and images, and he proclaimed God's message through dramatic acts and symbolic images. Ezekiel was instructed to draw a picture on a brick. Then, pretending that the map was the actual city, he was to build siege works and battering rams and other devices of attack to portray in this concrete way the siege around Jerusalem. The siege actually lasted

some eighteen months. The people were driven to the direst extremes of uncleanness and brutality in their starvation without water and bread. Ezekiel's imaginary map, drawn on a mud brick, portrayed the reality of Jerusalem's plight, the ultimate consequence of their disobedience and infidelity toward God.
Truths to Live By
Our witness counts little apart from identification and involvement. —This truth is impressed on us by Ezekiel. He was among the exiles; he sat where they sat. But we ought to learn this truth supremely from Jesus Christ. He came into our midst to identify himself with lost mankind —he was known as a friend of publicans and sinners — in order to communicate the truth and grace of God to the sons of men. We must be friends, not judges. We must be more concerned to show kindness than to criticize. Love is not concerned for protecting its own reputation; love is concerned to help another person to discover the wonder and power and forgiveness of the love of God in Christ.
Every Christian is meant to be a watchman. — There is danger, terrible danger, in missing the way God meant for man. There is terrible danger in the wrong use of drugs, in the illegitimate and undisciplined practice of sex, in the snare of covetousness, and in the subtle and corrupting poison of prejudice or jealousy or selfish pride. Christians ought to be aware of these dangers. Christians ought to be concerned for the multitudes of persons who are victims of these dangers. Christians ought to feel a compelling obligation to declare words of warning to people who have lost their way in turning away from God. But this they should never do with judgmental condemnation, never with biting criticism never with self-righteous pride.
The hand of God is on us. — This fact should be a sobering call to the unbeliever to turn away from evil ways and to turn to God in humble response to the outstretched hand of love. How urgent for the wayward Christian, drifting, backsliding, wasting his life, flaunting wickedly the riches of grace, to remember that he has been touched by the power of God in Christ for redemption and for service. And let the earnest Christian never forget that the hand of God is on him to anoint him with power and to guide his steps and to impart to him the joy and peace and strength of a divine partnership.



NASHVILLE — STATE MUSIC SECRETARIES, associate secretaries and seminary music deans, convened in Nashville, recently for their annual meeting to share plans and priorities for the coming year. Here, Dan C. Hall, Mississippi, (left) visits with William J. Reynolds, secretary of the church music department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, during a break in the conference.



Nashville — State Sunday School Secretaries and their associates from 32 state conventions, gathered at Henry Horton State Park, south of Nashville, recently, to lay plans for the next 3-5 years in Sunday School work, with a special emphasis on People-to-People. Bryant Cummings, Mississippi (center), talks here with A. V. Washburn (left), secretary of the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and Don Trotter, manager of the Sunday School department, about the upcoming plans.

God's Way And Ours: What Is True Wisdom?

I Cor. 1:18-2:16
By Bill Duncan
When Paul was at the church in Corinth he felt his responsibility was to preach the good news of Jesus Christ. He added that he did not preach in philosophical style because that would detract from his emphasis on the cross of Christ. God's way has always been a very simply way. All the confusion about truth is untangled in the preaching and the accepting of the good news that Christ died on the cross for each of us sinful men, then arose to overcome even death. To the logical Corinthians this was foolishness because it could not be proved. But Paul passionately argued this to be the wisdom of God.
The apostle contrasted the different reactions of the people who heard him at Corinth. The lost person thought such a message was nonsense, but the believers knew that it was the

power of God under salvation. A very simple man without formal education in the sciences of our day but schooled in the scriptures is far more qualified to speak about things of God than intellectual giants who ignored God's word and have no time for God in their lives.
What is a wise man? The apostles raised the question to point out that God had not revealed human wisdom, but true wisdom. Some men would be saved by believing the so-called foolishness of the good news of Jesus Christ.
The wisdom that Paul had to confront at Corinth was the worship of intellectual, worldly wisdom. The people there prided themselves in their correctness of grammar, the strength of the oratorical delivery of a message or the logic of the argument rather than the meaning of the message of Christ. Those who were proud intellectuals criticized Paul severely, in an attempt to cut him off from other people. But Paul warned that such wisdom was of man and could not endure.

In our day we too have the worship of intellectual worldly wisdom. There is the scientific thought, which causes people to doubt God. This method of thought tests, gathers data, and proves ideas. If it cannot be proven it is not true and men call this wisdom. There is the practical thinking process which centers around the product. If a thing is not useful it has little value. Some people will reject God in this process because they cannot place him in a useful mold in their lives. There is the creative process. Creativity is healthy; however, it can be based upon man's ego and completely deny God attributing the creations to man himself. There is also that which we could call common beliefs and opinions. If God is not part of one's style of life, then he is simply ignored. When a crisis such as death comes along God is conveniently doubted as unfair, unjust, and insensitive to man's feelings. These ways of thought bring about what we know today as the wisdom of this world as versus the revelation of God.

The Jews of Paul's day demanded signs as the reasonable proofs. Jesus Christ was nailed to a cross and was a stumbling block to those Jewish people. To the Christian Jews, however, Jesus was seen to be the power of God himself. The Greeks, who sought after wisdom but found Jesus Christ to be the power of God, found Christ to be the wisdom of God. The Greeks, who sought for wisdom, found it. And the Jews, who sought for strength, found it as well.
God has chosen the foolish things of this world to confound the wise. By manmade standards of our day and time, there are very few really wise, influential, and noble people. Yet, God has chosen the foolish people, the foolish things of the world to teach the wise—the reason being God sees man as he really is and no one can claim to be anything in his presence.
God gave himself in Jesus Christ for the salvation of the whole world. He is the Christian's wisdom, righteousness, and redemption.
Anyone who would want to be proud of what he has done must be proud of what the Lord had done. I'm sure that if we were to do things differently or the way God did them it would all turn out to be different. For God's ways are better than our ways. It is important that we find God's way. Most of His ways are revealed to us in the written word of God. They are not intended to keep us from being at our best but they are intended to develop us to be at God's best.
When we disclaim any reliance upon human wisdom, then we may be quick to declare in dealing with a mature person we may want to call it wisdom. This wisdom Paul shares with the Christians who have progressed in the Christian faith and so have attained a degree of maturity. It is a mystery, even as salvation throughout Christ's atoned death on the cross had been a mystery. But through God's Holy Spirit deep truths of Christian experience had been made known to Paul and to others.
A growing Christian experience does not limit itself to initial features; it goes on to maturity. This is why Paul keeps referring to the three degrees of the spiritual life! A natural man who is without God; a carnal man who is the immature Christian; and the spiritual man who is the mature Christian —able to understand the wisdom of God. The Holy Spirit enables him to receive; to understand, and to live the truth of God. We should let the Lord Jesus Christ be the one who rules our hearts and lives and live as Spirit-controlled Christians.

F. W. McGuffee Dies In McComb

F. W. McGuffee, retired merchant, a board member of the McComb City Board for about sixteen years, and a member of the East McComb Baptist Church, died recently in McComb.
He was the father of Rev. Harry McGuffee of Shreveport, La., and grandfather of Rev. Woodson McGuffee of Oak Grove, La., both former residents of McComb.
Dr. Wyatt Hunter and Rev. Jimmy McGee officiated at the funeral service.

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Reflections On A "Lottie Moon" Star

By Bettie Higgins
Astronomers tell us that the twinkling light we see from the starry midnight sky is already eons old when it first strikes the atmosphere of earth. The bright twinkling may have first shot its pulsing ray into space when American was an uncharted wilderness and the splendor that was Rome stood astride the world. . . . thousands of years and millions of events went their way before a man in 1972 looked up and caught a glimpse of that pinpoint of brightness which had been on its way to his vision for so long.
For many reasons . . . because we are aware of the enormous distance and time covered by that fragile stream of light . . . because it represents a continuation of hope as it persists in sending its blinking . . . because it is a reflection of a still greater Glory, the vision of a star never quite leaves one who has seriously contemplated the heavens on a clear winter night.
A star, so much a part of the line-

age and symbolism of the Jewish people, heralded the birth of Christ. . . its light still radiates in the season that has come to be called Christmas.
A replica of that star shines each year on the campus of Clarke College. It was laboriously and lovingly made by hand and, in the cold light of day, hardly seems the stuff dreams and spirit are made of. When the star is first hung in the Recital Hall of the Lott Fine Arts Building, it is hardly more than a stage prop, getting a little worn around the edges. To the uninitiated freshmen, the meaning of the star and the ritual of its hanging seem somehow unrelated to the routine of academic life.
A Clarke sophomore, the vision of last year's glimpse of that star still shining in her eyes, stands to explain: "This is the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Star. It's been on campus for a long time and has been used every year since it was made by Dennis Hale, when he was a student here." She pauses, and continues soft-

ly, "He's now a missionary in Spain." As the awareness grows, so grows the desire to be a part of this star's continuation of hope . . . to reflect this star's greater Glory . . . to respond with resources . . . with life.
During the month of November, the students at Clarke College considered the annual offering and decided what might be both a realistic and challenging goal. It was suggested that a certain sum of money representing each missionary who had attended Clarke might add up to such a goal. It was determined that twenty-seven Southern Baptist foreign missionaries, more than any other Baptist junior college can boast, attended college on the Newton campus. The students then voted to give \$90 representing each missionary for a total Lottie Moon Offering for 1972 of \$2,430. Bright blue bulbs were arranged on the silver star to represent the sum, and anticipation ran high as students prepared to meet the challenge.
The frosty air of late evening, Friday, December 15, reflected the glow of the blue lights as students, faculty and staff gathered to learn whether or not they had actually reached the goal they had earlier set. Clarke College President, Dr. W. L. Comper, citing the sacrificial giving of many on campus, reached for the final bulb and announced that the goal had indeed been reached, in fact, it had been surpassed with the total figure in excess of \$3,000!
The campus has settled down since the excitement of the announcement; students have finished final exams and gone home for the holidays; the money, which is sent to missionary support through local Baptist churches, is on its way to undergird the spread of the gospel; the star hangs, almost unnoticed in front of the Women's Residence Hall; but the glow which was lighted in hearts, and the spirit which was generated, may yet reflect the star's greater Glory as additional Clarke College students may be led into service beyond the bounds of their homeland.

Mississippi New Church Study Course High Twenty-Five Churches In Subject Area 63

Church	Association	Credits
Calvary, Waynesboro	Wayne	234
First, Hattiesburg	Lebanon	110
Calvary, Tupelo	Lee	101
Barton, Lucedale	George	89
Pearl, Jackson	Rankin	78
Fearson, Jackson	Rankin	70
Parkway, Kosciusko	Attala	50
Clarksdale, Clarksdale	Riverside	55
First, Crystal Springs	Copiah	53
Providence, Hattiesburg	Lebanon	43
First, Pascagoula	Jackson	42
Alta Woods, Jackson	Hinds-Madison	38
State Boulevard, Meridian	Lauderdale	34
First, Philadelphia	Neshoba	29
Woodlawn, Vicksburg	Warren	28
First, Vicksburg	Warren	27
Riverside, Clarksdale	Riverside	27
Calvary, Columbus	Lownes	27
South Corinth, Corinth	Alcorn	26
First, Pass Christian	Gulf Coast	20
Calvary, Jackson	Hinds-Madison	20
First, Kosciusko	Attala	18
Mt. Nebo, Collinsville	Newton	18
McLaurin Heights, Jackson	Rankin	18
Williamsville, Kosciusko	Attala	25
Byram, Jackson	Hinds-Madison	17

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Criswell Bible Institute Offers College Plan Of Credit

DALLAS (BP)—Criswell Bible Institute, sponsored by the 17,000 member First Baptist Church here, will begin a special "three-two program" to encourage its graduates to complete a college education.

The program, according to H. Leo Eddleman, institute president, will allow a student to abstract two years of credit from the institute's three-year program and transfer them to an accredited undergraduate school to count toward a four-year bachelor's degree with a major in Bible or religion.

"The Criswell Bible Institute will primarily reach the most neglected segment of Baptist pastors — those who have not finished college and cannot go to seminary," Eddleman said. "We will basically offer courses taught in seminary but will not compete with seminaries for students," he said.

Eddleman, former president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, said the institute is seeking accreditation which will make the three-two possible. He said the school, which has had night classes only, is converting to a full daytime schedule and adding two fulltime professors besides himself and three part-time professors. Eddleman said all institute professors, including daytime faculty and some 16 part-time evening school faculty, have one or more earned doctor's degrees.

Christian Life Agency Adds Staffer

NASHVILLE (BP) — Weston Gaddy of Louisville has been named director of Christian citizenship development for the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Gaddy, 31, is pastor of Beechwood Baptist Church of Louisville.

Seminary Students Plan Ahead For Summer Ministry

FORT WORTH, Tex. — A summer ministry program, has been launched by the student council of Southwestern Seminary. The program is designed to "help churches, associations and state organizations find persons to help in various forms of ministry and to assist students to find places of service during the summer" of 1973.

Students who are available for the summer months have been asked to fill out biographical data forms. This information is available by writing to Summer Ministry, P. O. Box 22000, Fort Worth, Texas 76122.

Dale Rush, student from Florida who is coordinating the effort, hopes to have students available to conduct surveys, hold conferences, vacation Bible schools, revivals, camps, and retreats. Students will also be available to serve as youth directors, associate pastors, coffee house directors, resort ministers, among others.

Churches or organizations will be required to provide transportation expenses, room, board and stipends.

Devotional

Evangelism: Response To God

By Roy Collum, Secretary, Department of Evangelism
Miss. Baptist Convention Board

To draw compulsion from the nature of God is to be compelled by the being of God. God lives and acts and loves as the result or product of His being. Because God is love and eternal life, He has moved, in the Person of His Son and the Power of His Spirit, to re-create ruined and fallen man. Man, when he responds to God in Christ, becomes a new creature. He is given life and therefore lives.

The compulsion to evangelism, therefore, must come also from the nature of man who responds to and is given a new nature from God. He evangelizes because he is.

A cow does not give milk in order to become a cow. A hen does not lay an egg to become a chicken. The cow gives milk and the hen lays eggs because they already are a cow and a chicken. It is their nature. Men do not do godly deeds to become Christians. Christians do not win souls in order to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Men do Godly deeds because they have already become Christians, and Christians win souls because they have been filled with the Spirit. It is their nature.

Jesus said in Acts 1:8 that the coming of the Holy Spirit into their lives would cause his disciples to become—"witnesses unto me." They were already witnesses of one kind or another. Every man, saint or sinner, is a witness. Whether he is aware of it or not, a man's life bears its greatest witness to that which is the greatest in his life. If it is money, pride, sensuality, his life will tell the story to the world of that which is the most important to him. Our Lord was telling His followers that the work of the Holy Spirit would be to make Him the greatest thing in their lives. The Spirit would put Jesus on top—in first place—in them. Their lives would tell the world about Him. It would be their nature.

This is the point at which evangelism begins. Man, who has been given new life and a new nature, must submit completely to the Spirit of God. From the Spirit must come the compulsion, the desire, the motivation to evangelize solely by the use of clever man-made devices or gimmicks designed to attract and persuade men will utterly fail. The power of the devil in the lives of lost men, women, boys, and girls, is far too great to be conquered by the mere power of man, however artful and persuasive. The power to evangelize is the power of God's Holy Spirit. He alone can call forth and equip true witnesses, and He alone can break down the barriers in sinful hearts. When the Holy Spirit fills the life of the Christian he will become a witness. It will be his very nature.

Baptist World Alliance Aid:

From Machetes To Grape Juice

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — Products ranging from machetes to powdered grape juice are being sent around the world for relief projects by the Baptist World Alliance.

At the recent meeting of the BWA relief committee here, the agency's relief coordinator, Dr. Carl W. Tiller, reported that machetes and hoes have been sent to Central Africa to aid refugees from Burundi in building huts and harvesting food in Zaire.

The powdered grape juice, he said, has been sent to churches in the Chin Hills of Burma for use in Holy Communion services. Clergy in the area

have reported that although liquid grape juice is available in cities, transportation to the mountains is difficult.

In addition to these, Dr. Tiller reported that the BWA has planned almost 100 different projects, costing \$319,600, in 24 countries for 1973. During the first nine months of 1972, he said, the Relief committee spent \$229,890 for projects in 18 countries.

Chester Jump, chairman of the relief committee, reported that only \$159,017 was received in the nine-month period of 1972, and that the program has been operating at a



MC Trustees In Annual Meeting

The Mississippi College Board of Trustees held their regular December meeting at the college recently and prior to getting down to business posed for their annual group photograph. Seated, left to right, are Dr. Lewis Nobles, college president; George J. Thornton, Kosciusko, vice-chairman; Nick Walker, Jackson, chairman; Dr. Bob N. Ramsay, Tupelo, secretary; and Le-

land R. Speed, Jackson, trustee. Standing, from the left, are Dr. Bob Simmons, Meridian; Roy Noble Lee, Forest; Dr. Howard H. Aultman, Columbia; D. L. Colburn, Tupelo; Aven Whittington, Greenwood; John M. Rogers, Morton; W. E. Lofton, Brookhaven; Rev. James Richardson, Leland; and T. M. Hederman, Jr., Jackson. (M.C. Photo by Norman H. Gough)

First, Louise
Calls Pastor

Rev. Gus Garrett has accepted a call from First Church, Louise, and moved on the field December 28.

Mr. Garrett moved from the Quitman County Association where he was pastor of Walnut Church at Vance. He was chairman of evangelism for the Quitman County Association.

He attended Clarke College and Blue Mountain College. His other pastorates have been Lebanon Church, Tippah County, and Tishomingo Chapel, Alcorn County.

Mrs. Garrett is the former Bertha Wood of Saltillo. The Garretts have one son, of Tusculumbia, Alabama.

deficit, with expenditures taken from a reserve fund to meet urgent needs.

In recent months, the greatest assistance has gone to rehabilitation projects in Bangladesh. Other shipments of supplies have gone to India, Korea, and the Philippines.

Four church buildings projects in Eastern Europe are getting BWA assistance — In Bialystok, Poland; Jablonec, Czechoslovakia; Rijeka, Yugoslavia, and Media, Romania. The BWA contributions have been used to supplement gifts from the residents of these areas.

Planned relief and rehabilitation projects in Southeast Asia will go into effect "as soon as political stability comes to that area," Dr. Tiller said.

Colonial Heights Calls
Minister Of Music

Mr. and Mrs. Don Bennett began their ministry at Colonial Heights Church, Jackson, on January 7. He will be serving as minister of music and youth. He came from Chapel Heights Church, Decatur, Georgia, where he served in the same capacity. Don received his Bachelor of Music Education degree from Baylor and did graduate work at Baylor in 1964-65. He then spent a year in New York singing in several churches and finding several opportunities in the professional music field. Later he taught music in Killeen, Texas and Marietta, Georgia.

At Baylor he sang the lead in five different operas. While doing his graduate work, he sang with the Ft. Worth Opera Association.

While in Atlanta he sang under Robert Shaw with the Atlanta Symphony Chamber Chorus. He became a member of the Sons of Jubal, a group of ministers of music in Georgia, and is currently a member of the Centurymen.

He and his wife, Lou Anne, and their two daughters will live at 135 West Sedgewick Court, Jackson. The church honored them with a reception and pouncing on Sunday night, January 7.

Rev. Bryan Harbour is pastor.

N. O. 1st Baptist
Names McIntire
Interim Pastor

Dr. Russell M. McIntire, director of development for New Orleans Seminary and former pastor of Clinton's First Church, has been called as interim pastor of First Baptist Church of New Orleans.

Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor of the New Orleans church for 36 years, retired as of midnight New Year's Eve. His successor is being selected by a pulp committee and McIntire will fill the pulpit for a three-month period while continuing his duties with the seminary.

Fair Ridge Grows
As Johnson Leads

The entire church participated in the Christmas cantata at Fair Ridge Church, Jasper County. The Christmas music program was attended by a large crowd from many neighboring churches. Rev. Walter Johnson, pastor, was narrator of the Nativity story, and led in the closing prayer.

Under Pastor Johnson's leadership there have been 21 additions to the Fair Ridge Church. The spiritual growth of this small church has been noted throughout the Jasper County area.

Clergymen Of All
Faiths Invited To
Leadership Retreat

Clergymen of all faiths in Mississippi are invited to attend the 1973 Mississippi Religious Leadership Clergy Retreat to be held Feb. 6-7 at the Henry Jacobs Camp for Living Judaism near Utica.

Father Emile Pfister, S. J., Academic Dean at Notre Dame Seminary Graduate School in New Orleans, and Bishop Mack Stokes of the United Methodist Church will serve as key resource persons at the 1973 Mississippi Religious Leadership Clergy Retreat.

The theme will be "The Pastor in the Moral Revolution."

Panelists will include Dr. T. B. Brown, president of Mississippi Baptist Seminary, and Father Malcolm O'Leary of Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Jackson.

An informal fireside conversation will focus attention on "Marriage and the Moral Revolution." Resource leaders for the conversation will be Rabbi Sidney Strome, Hebrew Union Congregation in Greenville; Rev. Dudley Crawford, Trinity Presbyterian Church in Meridian, and Rev. Msgr. Bernard Law, Vicar General of the Roman Catholic Church.

Clergymen interested in attending are encouraged to write the Mississippi Religious Leadership Conference, P. O. Box 6546, Jackson, MS 39212, for full details.



Money For Carey Athletics

Bill Martin of the Hattiesburg Coca-Cola Company (left) is shown presenting a check for two Century Club memberships to President J. Ralph Noonkester of William Carey College. Current memberships are approaching the 100 mark. "Each year Hattiesburg boosters of our athletic program contribute approximately \$10,000 towards the support of this program," commented Dr. Noonkester.



MK Leads "Imaginary" Orchestra On Cyprus

Carey students often have unique adventures, but perhaps this one caps them all. "Missionary Kid" Dannie Lindsey, senior music major at Carey's School of Music, posed recently in an ancient Roman amphitheater in Salamis, Cyprus while visiting his missionary parents, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Lindsey of Jerusalem, Israel. Dannie is enthralled with his imaginary orchestra stationed out before him. His father will be furloughing in the States this May and will be preaching the baccalaureate sermon for Dannie's commencement at Carey. His brother, Robert Lindsey, will also be graduating from Carey at the same time with a degree in mathematics. Robert's wife, Nita Dubose Lindsey, will be graduating from the Carey School of Nursing with a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

First Anniversary

Rev. Tommy Anderson in November, 1972, celebrated his first anniversary as pastor of Conehatta Church. (Half-time when he went there, the church went full-time in July, 1972.)

Until he enrolled at Clarke College last summer, Mr. Anderson worked for Borden Milk Company and also served as pastor. Since November, 1971, there have been 30 additions to Conehatta Church by baptism and 15 by letter. The church budget has increased from \$755 to \$4300, and Cooperative Program gifts have greatly increased. At least \$3,000 worth of work has been done on the building, and the church has bought a piano.

Rev. Roy T. Myers is the new pastor of Mt. Zion Church at Independence. Born in Madden, he is married to the former Syble Goldman of Philadelphia, and they have two children, Sheila, 16, and Amanda, 13.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Unity, Pascagoula: Dec. 3-8; Rev. Rex. Yancey of Tupelo, evangelist; Rev. Curtis I. Miller, pastor; 15 total additions to the church; one for special service; twenty-five or more rededications and other decisions.

Mt. Zion Calls Pastor

Mr. Myers attended East Central Junior College, Mississippi College, and did seminary extension work. His former pastorates include Goodrum Memorial, Vicksburg; Riverside, Money; Trinity, Vicksburg; Faith, Monroe, La.; and Glade, Laurel, where he was serving when he received the call to Mt. Zion.

Mr. Myers served two summers with Mississippi Baptist Training Union Department, taught with Mississippi Baptist Seminary Extension, led in Sunday School Enlargement Campaign in North Dakota, was Vice Moderator of Warren County Association, was President of Warren and Jones County Ministerial Association and President of Baptist Pastor's conferences in Monroe, La. and Vicksburg, Miss., has served as association mission chairman and on association building and personnel committee in Jones Association and was association Church Training director for Jones County.

During his ministry at Glade the church had additions by letter of 165 and by baptism of 116. Offerings made to the church doubled.

William H. Stephens
New Broadman Editor

NASHVILLE (BP) — William H. Stephens, (pictured), editor of "People" magazine since its beginning in 1970, has been named editor of inspirational books for Broadman Press, according to James W. Clark, director of the Broadman Division of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. Stephens joined the Sunday School Board in 1968 as editor of "Upward" magazine, a youth publication now named "Event."

A native of New Mexico, he is a graduate of Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, Ariz., and Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

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ice for Mrs. Lovegren was to be held Dec. 18. August Lovegren may be addressed at Box 1, Ajloun, Jordan, and Miss Mildred Lovegren at 169 Boundary St., Kowloon, Hong Kong. Both were born in China of missionary parents.

Charles A. Ray Jr., son of missionaries to Thailand, has been named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges for 1972-73. Young Ray is a student at Mississippi College.

Dr. and Mrs. Michel S. Simo-neaux, missionaries who have completed furlough in the States, were scheduled to depart Jan. 2 for Japan (address: 35-2 Kami Midoricho, Shichiku Kita-ku, Kyoto 603, Japan). Mrs. Simo-neaux, the former Bonnie Rushing, was born in Magnolia, Miss.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles P. Long, missionaries, may now be addressed at Ave Verte 5, 1640 Rhode, St. Genese, Belgium. Long is a native of Ethel, Miss.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles W. Whitten, missionaries, left Spain on Dec. 20 for furlough in the States (address: 3331 Old Canton Rd., Jackson, Miss. 39216).

Miss Mary Jo Stewart, new missionary to Ecuador, began orientation Jan. 4 at Callaway Gardens (address: Box 535, Pine Mountain, Ga. 31822).

Off The
Record

A woman called the reducing salon and tearfully announced that her husband had just given her a lovely gift, but she couldn't get into it.

"No trouble," said the salon manager, "you come down here for 3 treatments and we'll have you wearing that dress in no time."

"It's not a dress," sobbed the woman. "He gave me a Volkswagen!"

A young minister with a well-developed sense of humor asked a fellow member of the Canton, Ohio, Junior Chamber of Commerce to look him up in their newly issued membership directory. The man looked diligently under such likely classifications as Pastors, Ministers, Churches, Sky Pilots — and finally located the minister under Fire Escapes. —Lloyd E. Fairbanks, Jr.

"The man who has everything usually has a calendar on the wall to remind him when the payments are due." — William R. Lewis, The Lynden (Wash.) Tribune.

Names In
The News

Rev. & Mrs. Thomas L. Cole, missionaries who have completed a year of language study in Costa Rica, were scheduled to leave Dec. 15 for Argentina (address: Bolanos 141, Buenos Aires, Argentina). Mrs. Cole, the former Carolyn Barry, lived in Laurel, Miss., as a teen-ager.

Jerry Glen McRaney, senior ministerial student at William Carey College, was ordained to the gospel ministry, Wednesday, January 10, at 7:30 p. m. at Central Church, Hattiesburg. He will graduate in May with a BA degree in Bible and social science. His wife, Jackie Knight McRaney, is a 1970 graduate of Carey with a BS degree in business education.

Rev. John A. Williams has resigned Hebron Church (Clay) where he had been pastor since September, 1971. Under his leadership the church received 13 by baptism and seven by letter. The church was painted inside, and the auditorium carpeted. A recreation (kitchen-social) building has been added. Attendance and offerings are up. Mr. Williams is a native of Clay County and a graduate of Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla. He plans to continue to live in Clay County and will be available for supply preaching or interim pastorate. He is Church Training director of Clay Association.

Dr. Ira D. Eavenson desires to express his deep appreciation for the telegram sent by the Mississippi Baptist Convention in November as he entered the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans for what resulted in the amputation of his right leg. "The prayers and words of encouragement in letters and cards have helped greatly," he writes. He expects to be back in Marks early in February, and quotes the words of Paul, "I thank God up on every remembrance of you."

Kenny McCoy has recently assumed duties as youth director of First Church, McLaurin. Kenny is a senior at William Carey College majoring in religion and philosophy, and is very active in BSU. He has also been serving on various youth teams.

Rev. Edgar (Ed) McDaniel, pictured, student at New Orleans Seminary, has been called as pastor of Sunrise Acres Church, Louisiana. Native of Blaine, Ms., he is a graduate of Delta State College. Previously pastor in Mississippi, he is married to the former Libby Neely of Hollandale.

Dr. and Mrs. Levi Alton Lovegren, parents of August and Mildred Lovegren, missionaries to Jordan and Hong Kong respectively, were involved in an auto crash Dec. 14 north of Hillsboro, Ore. Mrs. Lovegren died two hours after reaching the hospital; Mr. Lovegren was listed in good condition. A funeral serv-



Dr. Chester E. Swor, nationally known lecturer, counselor, and author, annually makes a visit to Blue Mountain College for a "question and answer time." Shown, left to right, writing requests for Dr. Swor's "Question and Answer Box" at Blue Mountain are Marilyn Lamphere of Tupelo; Kathy Justice of Eupora; Dr. Harold Fisher, college president; Dr. Swor.



Bert Harper, pictured left, was recently licensed to preach by Wheeler Church, Prentiss County. Presenting the certificate of license is Rev. Wiley Gann, who recently accepted the call as pastor of the church. Bert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Harper of Wheeler. He is a graduate of the Northeast Mississippi Junior College and will attend Blue Mountain College next semester. He is available for supply work and other preaching engagements.

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